

Deputy City Manager Mike Gent



Mike began service to Surprise in 2013 in the Public Works Department where he served as Director from 2014 through 2019. He served in a dual role as Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director from 2020 through 2021, prior to moving fully into the role of Deputy City Manager.

As Deputy City Manager, Mike supports the departments of Community Development, Fire-Medical and Water Resource Management.

Before joining the City of Surprise, Mike worked in both local government and the private sector in Washington State. He earned a Doctor of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California focused on identifying and implementing innovative solutions to social challenges such as poverty, homelessness, social isolation and achieving equal opportunity for all. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from Norwich

University. Mike and his family live, work, learn, and play in the City of Surprise and are grateful to be a part of this special community.